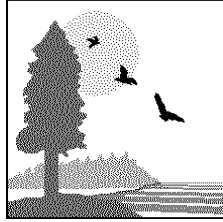


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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF  
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

CSLC EIR No.: 730

File Ref: PRC 3904.1; W30068.5

SCH No.: 2004071075

**Date:** July 14, 2004

**To:** Interested Parties

**Project:** Venoco Ellwood Marine Terminal (EMT) Lease Renewal  
(State Oil and Gas Lease PRC-3904.1).

**Applicant:** Venoco, Inc.  
5464 Carpinteria Avenue, Suite 1  
Carpinteria, California 93013-1423

**Location:** The project consists of on- and offshore components. The onshore component is located adjacent to the Pacific Ocean, 0.75 mile northwest of Coal Oil Point, Santa Barbara County, California, approximately one mile west of the intersection of Storke and El Collegio Roads in the City of Goleta. The offshore component extends 2,600 feet from the shore in approximately 60 feet of water.

**Project Description:**

Venoco, Inc. (Venoco) is a privately held, independent oil and gas company that is seeking approval from the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) to renew its lease (Lease PRC 3904.1) for an additional 10 years (until February 28, 2013). This would allow Venoco to continue operating the Ellwood Marine Terminal (EMT), a crude oil marine loading terminal and associated storage facility. Crude oil is first stored in two onshore tanks and then pumped into a pipeline for loading into a dedicated barge. The EMT has an average barge loading rate of 4,200 barrels (bbls) per hour with a maximum barge capacity of a total of 56,000 bbls. Typically, a dedicated barge is loaded two to three times per month with 55,000 bbls of crude oil per load. The oil is

then transported to refineries in the Port of Los Angeles area. The offshore facilities consist of an irregular six-point mooring system located 2,600 feet from shore, two additional buoys, a 10-inch-diameter marine loading pipeline that extends from the beach to the mooring area, and a 240-foot long rubber hose connected to the offshore end of the pipeline.

### **Purpose of Public Scoping Process:**

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the offshore component of the Ellwood Marine Terminal.

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation / Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is to obtain agency and the public's views as to the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis, including the significant environmental issues and reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures, that should be included in the draft EIR. Applicable agencies will need to use the EIR when considering related permits or other approvals for the Project.

The Project description, location, and potential environmental effects are discussed in the attached Scoping Document. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent by **August 13, 2004**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

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Pursuant to Section 15083, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, the CSLC will also conduct two public scoping meetings for the proposed Project to receive oral testimony at the time and place listed below:

DATE: **August 3, 2004.**

TIME: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Goleta Valley Community Center  
5679 Hollister Avenue  
Goleta, CA 93009  
(805) 967-1237

If you have any questions or would like a copy of this notice, please contact Marina Brand at the above address, by calling (916) 574-1938, or by e-mail to brandm@slc.ca.gov. Copies of this notice will also be available at the Public Scoping Meeting.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: July 14, 2004  
Marina R. Brand, Staff Environmental Scientist